

REMARKS

Claims 21-29, 31-41, and 43-48 are pending, but stand rejected. Claims 21, 22, 32, 34, 43 and 44 have been amended.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS: The Examiner objected to typographical errors in claims 22, 34, and 44. These Claims have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 112: The Examiner rejected Claim 21 noting a lack of antecedent basis. Claim 21 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 102: The Examiner rejected Claims 21, 32, and 43 under §102 as being anticipated by USPN 6,799,214 issued to Li. To properly support a §102, a cited reference must teach or suggest the specific combination of elements required by a claim.

Li discloses a system that includes an original web site (118) and a mirror site (40). The mirror site (40) includes copies of pages and objects served by the original web site (118). An end user (104) is "closely situated" with the mirror site (40). When the end user (114) requests content from the original web site (118), instead of returning the object, the original web site (118) identifies the mirror site (40) and returns a web page that redirects the end user (104) to the mirror site (40) – causing the end user (104) to request the content from the mirror site (40). See, e.g., Li, col. 5, line 60 through col. 6, line 15 and Fig. 4.

Claim 21 is directed to a method for supplying information. As amended, Claim 21 recites the following acts:

1. distributing a plurality of information web pages across a plurality of servers, wherein each information web page is service by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page and that redirection web page including an instruction to redirect a client terminal to that other information web page, the redirection web page being hosted by a web server jump station; and
2. selectively serving a redirection web page for each information web page to a client terminal, wherein a redirection web page for a particular information web page is selectively served to the client terminal following a selection of an indirect link to a selected information web page.

Li does not teach or suggest the distributing of a plurality of information web pages, wherein each information web page is service by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers. Furthermore, Li fails to teach an indirect link that is a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page and that redirection web page where the redirection web page is hosted by a web server jump station.

For at least these reasons, Claim 21 is patentable over Li. Claims 22-29 and 31 are patentable over Li due at least to their dependence from Claim 21.

Claim 32 is directed to an Information server system and recites the following combination of elements:

1. a plurality of servers, each hosting a different information web page;
2. a redirection web page corresponding to each information web page, wherein each redirection web page includes an instruction to redirect a client terminal to the corresponding web page, wherein the redirection web pages are hosed by a web server jump station;

3. wherein each information web page is hosted by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page.

Li does not teach a system that includes redirection web pages hosted by a web server jump station. Li also fails to teach a system that includes information web pages where each information web page is hosted by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers, where the indirect link is a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page.

For at least this reason, Claim 32 is patentable over Li. Claims 33-41 are also patentable over Li due at least to their dependency from Claim 32.

Claim 43 is directed to a method of supplying a website and recites the following acts:

1. hosting a plurality of information web pages on a plurality of distinct web servers;
and
2. hosting a plurality of redirection web pages on a central web server;
3. wherein each information web page is hosted by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers, the indirect link being a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page, wherein that redirection web page is hosted by a web server jump station and includes an instruction for redirecting a client terminal to that other information web page.

As made clear with respect to Claims 21 and 32, Li does not teach or suggest a method for hosting information web pages and redirection web pages where each information web page is hosted by a particular one of the servers and includes an indirect link to another information web page that is hosted by a different one of the servers. Furthermore, Li fails to teach that the indirect link is a link to a redirection web page for that other information web page, wherein that redirection web page is hosted by a web server jump station.

For at least these reasons, Claim 43 is patentable over Li. Claims 44-47 are also patentable over Li due at least to their dependency from Claim 43.

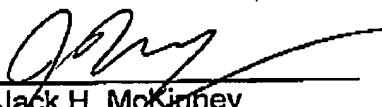
CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC § 103: The Examiner rejected Claims 22-31, 33-42 and 45-48 under §103 as being obvious over Li in view of USPN 6,279,001 issued to DeBettencourt.

- Claims 22-31 are felt to distinguish over the cited references based at least on their dependence from Claim 21.
- Claims 33-42 are felt to distinguish over the cited references based at least on their dependence from Claim 32.
- Claims 45-48 are felt to distinguish over the cited references based at least on their dependence from Claim 43.

CONCLUSION: The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Claims 21-29, 31-41, and 43-48 are felt to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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